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SUBJECT: FINANCIAL COOPERATION RE NARCOTICS SMUGGLERS

1. LETTER OF AUGUST 31 FROM TREASURY SECRETARY SHULTZ DISCUSSED TODAY BY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR WITH MEXICA ACTING TREASURY SECRETARY RAMON BETETA IN ABSENCE FROM MEXICO OF TREASURY SECRETARY LOPEZ PORTILLO. BETETA SAID IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO COORDINATE WITH PRESIDE O OF MEXICAN NATIONAL BANKING COMMISSION AND THAT A HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL WAS NEEDED FOR THIS. HE SUGGESTED THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE THIS AND THAT, IN HIS ABSENCE, LIC. MIGUEL DE LA MADRID HURTADO, DIRECTOR OF CREDIT, MIGHT ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. BETETA SAID THAT, IN EITHER CASE, FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL WOULD WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH PRESIDENT OF BANKING COMMISSION, WHICH HAS SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY IN SUCH MATTERS. HE ADDED THAT COMMISSION WOULD SEEK COURT PAPERS AND THAT DESIRED INFORMATION COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO USG THROUGH RESPONSIBLE FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL.

2. LIC. BETETA NOTED THAT MEXICO HAD COOPERATED CLOSELY IN PAST WITH U.S. AUTHORITIES ON NARCOTICS PROBLEM AND DESIRED TO CONTINUE TO DO SO WHEREVER APPROPRIATE IN FUTURE. HE SAID THAT IN VIEW OF SENSITIVE ASPECTS OF PROBLEM HE WOULD DISCUSS LETTER WITH HIS LEGAL ADVISER
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AND ASKED THAT ECON COUNSELOR TELEPHONE HIM ON
SEPTEMBER 25 FOR OFFICIAL REPLY TO LETTER. HE ADDED
THAT THIS WAS MATTER WHICH SHOULD BE HELD ON VERY
CONFIDENTIAL BASIS BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

3. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP AND REPORT ON OFFICIAL REPLY
WHEN RECEIVED.
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